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Looking Ahead: East County People

Forum Publications Staff Report

The earth will turn with or without humans, but people make the world go around. Unfortunately, the media (of which this paper is a part) tends to focus on notable people — people in the public eye because they entertain, educate or govern the rest of us.

This notability is understandable, but eminently unfair. Every star has a cast, crew and savvy agent furiously studying astronomy. Ordinary and otherwise unknown people are impacting society all the time.

In this edition, we bring you another unfair list of people to watch in the coming year. Many have names you've heard. Some take nice pictures. Others, however, will be new to you. Their faces are like the ones on your block. What they have in common is a willingness to exert themselves for what they believe in. We believe they will be worth watching.

Steve Peace

Not only is state Senator Steve Peace, D-40th, among the most influential people in East County, he is among the most influential in California. The architect of workers compensation reform has focused much of his attention on telecommunications and the Public Utilities Commission. He is also greatly concerned about the future of San



Steve Peace

Diego economic development.

A month ago he threatened to introduce legislation abolishing county



The staff, family and friends of Forum Publications wishes you all the best in 1996. Pictured, front row (left to right), are Ninette Sosa, Steven Saint, Dave Schwab, Susanne Riddle-Haslinger, Trudy Thomas, Billie Sutherland, Howard Owens and (kneeling), Francis, John-Paul and Clare Saint-Thomas, and Pete Kaufman.

boards of education. Whether he does or not is still an open question. The threat tells more about his zeal for reform and willingness to take bold action. Peace led the fight to keep Pacific Bell from breaking East County into two area codes.

Whatever major issue arises in 1996, look for Peace to take an active interest and use his influence to shape its outcome.

The Cloud Merchants

Getting signed to a record deal is becoming an increasingly common occurrence for San Diego-area bands, who were once viewed as second-class cousins to musicians living in L.A. While former La Mesan Eddie Vedder had to move to Seattle to join the now-acclaimed Pearl Jam, some locals are getting noticed right here.

David Ybarra and Michael VanEik are the East County contingent in

the Cloud Merchants, signed late last year to a deal by Salt Incorporated Records. The band also came in second behind the



The Cloud Merchants feature La Mesan David Ybarra (crouching with hat) on bass.

Beat Farmers for "Best Rock Album" in the 1995 San Diego Music Awards.

The Cloud Merchants describe their music as influenced by U2, Miles Davis, the Alarm, Echo &

the Bunnymen and the Beatles. Salt Incorporated is a contemporary Christian label, and while the Cloud Merchants never positioned



themselves as church-circuit act, their faith came shining through. The debut album, "Release," hit stores in November and the band is now gearing up for U.S. and European tours.

cent of the votes, many of which might have gone to Baldwin if Bishop were not in the race. Bishop basically stopped Baldwin from getting elected.

In 1994, there were no small-party candidates in the race and Baldwin soundly beat Connolly by 11 percentage points. The Libertarians claim they kept a candidate out of the race because they favored Baldwin over Connolly on taxation issues.

Well, the Libertarians have turned on Baldwin, angered by his vote on AB 1035, the so-called Thought Crime bill which widens police power in determining probable cause for arrest. Elizabeth Meyers has entered the race backed by attorney Tom Tanana, a former Baldwin ally determined to raise money, campaign and draw enough conservative votes to knock Baldwin off.

"Had Baldwin not betrayed the Libertarian Party in going against his word and voting for a perniciously ugly 'thought

Elizabeth Meyers & Janet Gastil

Third-party candidates rarely win elections, but if the demographics are right, they can determine the outcome of a race. Witness Ross Perot's role in Clinton's 1994 election.

No local district demonstrates this better than the 77th Assembly district. With overall voter registration favoring the Republicans by 3-5 percent, the mere appearance on the ballot of third-party candidates can shift the numbers definitively.

For instance, major-party rivals Tom Connolly (Democrat) and Steve Baldwin (Republican) appeared on the ballot in 1992 with Jeff Bishop, a Libertarian, and Monty Kroopkin from the Peace & Freedom Party. Connolly beat Baldwin by a mere four percentage points. Bishop pulled 6 per-



Janet Gastil may have a shot at the Assembly if Libertarian Elizabeth Meyers siphons off enough votes from Steve Baldwin.

crime' bill, he would have had an unchallenged cakewalk," Tanana said.

Enter Janet Gastil, the Democrat who challenged Rep. Duncan Hunter for his congressional seat the last two elections. She'll probably do as well as any Democrat in the 77th. Combine that name recognition with Meyers' siphon effect, and you just might see Baldwin give his seat to Gastil in November.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF
DRAFT GENERAL PLAN AND
DRAFT MASTER ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

The City of Lemon Grove has completed the draft 1996 General Plan and Master Environmental Impact Report (EIR), which are both available for public review.

The draft 1996 General Plan represents a comprehensive plan for the City, and establishes strategies to achieve community goals pertaining to development, transportation, aesthetics, public safety, recreation, conservation and other civic matters. The General Plan currently in use was originally adopted in 1980, and the draft 1996 General Plan is the first complete update. Often referred to as the "blueprint" for the future City, the General Plan will guide the decision of elected officials and City staff when considering community development proposals, infrastructure improvements and public service investments. A separate Implementation Manual provides specific implementation programs to achieve the objectives and policies of the draft General Plan.

The draft General Plan includes the following elements: Community Development Element, Mobility Element, Public Facilities Element, Safety Element, Noise Element, Conservation and Recreation Element, and Housing Element. The Community Development Element contains an updated Land Use Plan depicting the location and type of future development. In the Community Development element, the land use designations for some areas are different than the designations identified in the 1980 General Plan, providing direction for rezoning certain properties. New street improvements are also established in the Mobility Element. The Housing Element was recently updated in 1992. Because state law does not require revising the Housing Element until 1997, it was not updated as part of this project.

The draft Master EIR evaluates the environmental impacts that could result from implementing the draft General Plan. The analysis particularly focuses on impacts from the development and street improvements anticipated in the General Plan, and mitigation programs to reduce identified impacts to acceptable levels are established. To reduce the environmental review required for subsequent development projects, the Master EIR identifies potential impacts and required mitigation for anticipated projects.

The public is invited to review and comment on the adequacy of the draft General Plan and draft Master EIR. The public should submit written comments to James Butler, Community Development Director, City of Lemon Grove, 3232 Main Street, Lemon Grove, California, 91945. Written comments must be received by February 17, 1996.

The draft General Plan and Master EIR may be reviewed, or purchased for the cost of reproduction, at the Lemon Grove City Hall, 3232 Main Street, Lemon Grove, California, 91945. The documents may also be reviewed at the Lemon Grove Library, 8073 Broadway, Lemon Grove, California 91945. For additional information about the project or upcoming public hearings, please contact James Butler, Community Development Director, City of Lemon Grove at (619) 464-6934.

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January 4, 1996

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Loan No. 8409187 REF. ALOSI,

JOSEPH APN: 503 370 47 00

T.S. No. 805158 IMPORTANT

NOTICE TO PROPERTY

OWNER: YOU ARE IN DE-

FAULT UNDER A DEED OF

TRUST, DATED AUGUST 13,

1991 UNLESS YOU TAKE AC-

TION TO PROTECT YOUR

PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD

AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU

NEED AN EXPLANATION OF

THE NATURE OF THE PRO-

CEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU

SHOULD CONTACT A LAW-

YER. On January 18, 1996, at 10:00

A.M., American Securities Com-

pany as duly appointed trustee under

and pursuant to Deed of Trust

recorded August 21, 1991, as inst.

No. 1991-0427348, of Official

Records in the office of the County

Recorders of San Diego County,

State of California, executed by

Joseph Aloisi, a married man, will

sell at public auction to highest

bidder for cash, cashier's check

drawn on a state or national bank,

a check drawn by a state or federal

credit union, or a check drawn by a

state or federal savings and loan

association, savings association, or

savings bank specified in section

5102 of the financial code and

authorized to do business in this

state will be held at the entrance to

the East County Regional Center by

statute, 250 East Main Street, El

Cajon, California, all right, title and

interest conveyed to and now held

by it under said Deed of Trust in the

property situated in said County and

State described as completely

described in said deed of trust. The

street address and other common

designation, if any, of the real

property described above is pur-

ported to be 8364 Alton Drive,

Lemon Grove, CA 92045. The

Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. For sales information: Mon-Fri 8:00 am to 5:00 pm (619) 590-9200

American Securities Company, (Trustee), C/O Cal-Western Reconveyance Corp., (Agent), P.O. Box 22004 El Cajon, Ca 92022-9004 (619) 590-9200. Dated December 18, 1995, By Dell L. Cunamay, Ext. 3014, Trustee Sale Officer 12/28/95, 1/04, 11/96 R-39828

SUPERIOR COURT OF
CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
CENTRAL COURTHOUSE
220 W. BROADWAY
SAN DIEGO, CA 92101-3409

IN THE MATTER OF THE
APPLICATION OF
DONNA STARR LAWRENCE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME
(CCP 1277)
CASE NUMBER: 695746

PETITIONER DONNA
STARR LAWRENCE HAS
FILED A PETITION FOR AN
ORDER TO CHANGE NAMES
FROM DONNA STARR
LAWRENCE TO DONNA
YVONNE STARR

It is ordered that all persons interested in this matter appear before this Court in Department I of the San Diego County Superior Court at the address shown above on FEB 21, 1996 at 9:00 A.M. and show cause, if any they have, why the application for change of name should not be granted.

It is FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order To Show Cause be published in the Lemon Grove Review, a newspaper of general circulation published in this county, at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the day of the hearing.

DATE: DEC 26, 1995
ROBERT J. O'NEILL
Judge of the Superior Court
Lemon Grove Review
Jan. 4, 11, 18 & 25, 1996

Help Wanted: Forum Publications is looking for an editor and writers

Call: 469-0101

WEATHER

The following information was provided by the Lemon Grove Fire Department.

	High	Low
Dec. 25	65	47
Dec. 26	68	41
Dec. 27	64	53
Dec. 28	63	46
Dec. 29	65	42
Dec. 29	65	42

Lemon Grove
Almanac

1994 Population: 25,100
Incorporated: 1977
Area: 3.75 sq. mi.
Median income: \$34,399

Mayor: Bob Burns
Council: Thomas Clabby
Craig Lake
Dwight Shelley
Mary Teresa Sessom

City Manager: Doug Yount
Planning Director: Jim Butler
Attorney: Gloria McLean
City Clerk: Christine Taub
Sheriff's Capt.: Yolanda Collins
Fire Chief: William Wright

Congressional district:
52nd - Duncan Hunter
State Senate district:
40th - Steve Peace
State Assembly district:
77th - Steve Baldwin
Supervisory district:
2nd - Dianne Jacob

1993 taxable sales: \$1.47 million
Libraries: 1
Post offices: 1
Parks: 4
Recreation centers: 1

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B Words

Personal comments from Mayor Bob Burns

Project Care

Watch for a notice coming through the mail. It concerns Project Care, which may be vital to someone you know or to yourself.

The San Diego Project Care is a coalition of lead agencies and many supporting organizations that do care about the seniors and the disabled. The purpose is to assist those who might be in need of help in our community, and to engage many different approaches to do so.

The brochure that will be forthcoming will explain everything in detail, but my purpose in writing this is to get everyone to watch for it and not throw it away as junk mail.

The action plan is something like this: Postal workers will be watching for signs of trouble such as mail not being picked up, or any hint of unnatural conditions at a residence.

They are being trained to do so at the present time.

A new system of electronic phoning is being installed that will call specified people.

It is called "Are you O.K.?" The act of picking up the phone to answer will indicate "O.K." If no answer, the machine will try again in 15 minutes. If still no answer, further steps will be taken to check on the person.

These folks will have signed up for the service with particulars fully noted.

There is presently in place, a program called YANA (You Are Not Alone) that is conducted by the Retired Senior Volunteer Patrol under the auspices of the Sheriff's Dept.

These calls are made by the senior volunteers each day, and they also visit the shut-ins as well. This is a human contact and does offer a little more assistance than the electronic method in that small errands can be run or other assists can be given.

Gatekeeper is a service of the trash and refuse collection companies. Their workers also watch for signs of trouble when making their rounds, much like the mail carriers.

Such things such as open doors, newspapers piling up, etc., are signs that all may not be well with an occupant.

The Vial of Life is a small plastic box that can be affixed to the refrigerator door. It contains vital information as to the doctor's name, medication, and special needs. Paramedics find this very useful when called to a home in emergency.

There are some business and volunteer groups who can even make minor repairs in the home when needed.

Broken stairways, stopped-up pipes, etc., can be repaired and thereby prevent future hazard or even serious problems.

There is a nationwide identification system that helps authorities locate and rescue Alzheimer's patients. It is called Safe Return, which is just what they are dedicated to accomplish.

The list is long of the private and public agencies that are cooperating in this project.

It is important, and often most difficult, to get the message out that these services are available. Watch your mail boxes for this information.

In Lemon Grove, probably the best one to call about the programs is Lourdes Contreras at 460-0430 (Mesa, Valley, Grove Senior Programs director).

Also City Hall can give directions as well — call 464-6934.

We all know that the youth of our nation is our future. However, the seniors are our national treasure and must be cared for and protected to the best of our ability. Project Care is about doing just that.

Worship Directory

LEMON GROVE
CONGREGATIONAL
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
2770 Glebe Road • Lemon Grove
Edward Pettis, Pastor
Sunday Worship & Church School
10:15 a.m.

Lemon Grove Assembly of God
Currently using the
Mount Miguel High School at
1800 Sweetwater Road
Worship Service & Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Nursery & Child Care provided
Pastor Jim Reed 697-7770

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS
CATHOLIC CHURCH
8086 BROADWAY
LEMON GROVE, CA 91945
PASTOR MSGR. RAYMOND C. KIRK
Call Rectory for information
and Mass Schedule. 466-3209

Christian Science Church Services
First Church of Christ, Scientist, La Mesa
Corner of Palm and Allison, La Mesa
Sunday Service & Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday Evening Meeting 7:30 p.m.
Child Care
All Are Welcome!

The End of Your Search for a Friendly Bible Church
LEMON GROVE CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Worship: 9:00 & 10:30 AM Sun.; 6:00 PM Sat.
Uplifting Music, Sunday School, Nursery
Excellent Youth Ministry, Preschool and Daycare
465-1888 Myron Wells 465-1887
Church Senior Minister Preschool
6970 San Miguel Ave. Lemon Grove 2 Blk W of Mass

LEMON GROVE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Corner Skyline & Alton Drive
Richard Elliott, Interim Pastor
Telephone: 4 65-7301
Worship 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m.

Shouldn't your church be in the
Worship Directory?
Call 469-0101 for rates

Commentary

by Paul Treske

Having no relative or close friends who are federal workers on forced furlough, the struggle over the national budget, within which they are hapless pawns, was only an intellectual exercise for me. I have followed it closely and rooted for the President and the Democrats due to my concern for the welfare of those on Medicaid and a more personal interest in the future of Medicare.

But a small article on the bottom of page A-12 of Monday's Union Tribune brought it into a more personal focus. Headlined "Shutdown Staggers Utah Town," the entire article spoke of the hardships suffered by residents and businesspersons of Springdale, Utah, the gateway to dramatic Zion National Park. Faced with the financial blow created by the park's closure, the community was planning an illegal march into the park as a protest. Leading the effort was the C of C president who is owner of Flanigan's Inn and Restaurant, which is immediately outside the park gates.

Ah, Flanigan's, the pleasant oasis where my wife and I ate nightly during our week long stay at the Zion Park Lodge. Its warmth and charm, as well as its superb food and meticulous service are, for us, a living memory of good times shared. Suddenly, I had something of a personal stake in the government shutdown and the article atop the same page took sharper form.

That article updated the non-progress of the budget talks, although it did quote Bob Dole as possibly willing to lower the amount of the notorious tax break for the wealthy from its current \$245 billion. And hereby lies the issue that puzzles and aggravates most Americans.

With the emergency supposedly being the reduc-

No Tourists at Zion

tion of the deficit and the balancing of the budget, why include a massive tax cut for those in the upper income brackets while at the same time ruthlessly slashing Medicaid funds for the poor and raising Medicare costs for the elderly? Poll after poll has strongly demonstrated Medicare's importance to the public compared to deficit reduction. And even fewer appear to support the total dismantling of the federal safety net for children and older citizens.

So why the "blindfold-on" push by the so-called Republican freshmen in the House? I believe that they saw themselves elected, not as legislators in the accepted sense, but as crusaders for an agenda that would balance the budget and reduce the federal role in American life to an absolute minimum. Apparently, this agenda included not only removing the Fed from all types of welfare, but reducing regulations on industry and business to a minimum as well as rewarding those in the upper tax brackets from the earlier adopted taxes on the wealthy.

The very concept of legislating in our democracy suggests the give and take of negotiations. But to the crusader, the goal is to achieve the "Holy Grail" by any means with nothing else mattering. Thus we have the Republican freshmen unwilling to give an inch on their budget proposal while at the same time calling for negotiations.

I suspect that the wiser and less crusading heads in the Senate will ultimately bring about an acceptable compromise. We all hope so. The idea of good workers being unable to work and receiving no salary is disturbing and unacceptable. And for me, personally, the idea of no cozy and contented tourists enjoying the bounty of Flanigan's in Springdale makes the New Year a little sadder.

PG Perspectives

by Phillip Giannangeli

For over a year now, we've been closer to the approaching millennium than we've been to the beginning of the closing decade of the 20th century. We're getting nearer to the mystery of 2000 A.D. and farther and farther from the self righteousness of 1990, the year that began the countdown for many observers. What does that mean? I have no idea, but as usual that won't stop me from offering some opinions on it.

Let's look at what the decade of the 90s has brought us thus far and perhaps that will give some clue as to where we might be going. We've had many adventures close to home and halfway around the globe. Some have been successful and some less so. We went from George to Bill in one major shake-up and a couple of years later traded in Tom for Newt. Talk about wild swings of the pendulum. Throw into that mix the Ross phenomena, and the first several years of the 90s were interesting and entertaining but hardly predictable. Even as we passed the halfway point of the decade, some couldn't fully comprehend what brought these three southern gentlemen to such prominence.

As we move towards 2000, it looks like we'll take Talk Radio, Talk TV and an ugly-talk incivility into the new century. The 90s have created a new type of celebrity. We have ones who are vicious, acerbic, vile, gross, ill-mannered and hugely popular. They fill the airwaves with their rhetoric and bookstores with their pronouncements. And if Rush isn't offending enough people with his bombast, Howard surely is with his tastelessness. G. Gordon, too, has provided what some might call sure-fire responses to issues he sees.

In sports we found that some fans appreciate trash talking bozos and egomaniacal jerks more than the game itself. Give them Dennis or Deon and forget this team nonsense. Thank goodness, those stars are always dimmed by the brilliance of the Cal Ripkins, Grant Hills, and Greg Madduxes.

But the waywardness of the 90s shouldn't necessarily point the way to a grim millennium ahead. We saw glimpses of who and what we can be in the year 2000 and beyond. Oklahoma City uncovered some creeps in our midst (those perpetrating the tragedy as well as those professing dismay while offering a rationale), but for those agonizing days in April, America was a community looking to help each other without reference to class, race, age, or any of the other artificial barriers we sometimes throw up.

And it was in the 90s that we stopped thinking about blowing up the Russians and we docked with them in outer space to began a cooperative effort that should last well into the 21st century.

Swords weren't hammered into plowshares on board the MIR or the space shuttles, but they may well have been forged into the support structures necessary for that U.S.-Russian space station and better relations on planet earth.

The 90s brought us some breakthroughs in science and medicine. They're isolating genes left and right (fat and gay are but two), but the really major advances seem to be waiting for the new age to become reality. We might have to wait a little, but there's no doubt that huge discoveries are on that horizon. AIDS will go the way of smallpox and cancer should follow polio into a dark, distant past.

We're getting closer and closer to the year 2000. The "Net" is growing rapidly and so, too, are community newspapers like the one you are now reading. I'm sure we'll stumble some and lurch a little, but we'll also march proudly and stand reverently as 2000 comes into view.

By my count, there are about 1,450 days left. Give or take a few. We'd better get cracking.

Reel thoughts

Larger-than-life women light up screen

by Betty Jo Tucker

No doubt about it, movies provide larger-than-life role models for both sexes. But women have been shortchanged in recent years by the frequent depiction of strong women as evil manipulators, or worse, in films like "Fatal Attraction," "Disclosure," "Jade," and "Basic Instinct."

The good news is that four current films show admirable, strong women in a variety of intriguing situations—all the way from winning or losing Prince Charming ("Sense and Sensibility," "Sabrina," "Waiting to Exhale") to leading a band of pirates



Julia Ormond

and Stallone look like the Three Stooges. Performing many of her own stunts, she fights ferociously with the villains, saves her lover's life, and bravely leads her all-male crew to victory over the evil-doers. What a treat to see this versatile actress in a tongue-in-cheek tribute to Errol Flynn swashbucklers!

For a New Year's treat, men as well as women should consider watching some "reel women" in at least one of these four interesting new films.



Angela Bassett

("Cutthroat Island"). Although all four films feature splendid actresses, Julia Ormond's interpretation of "Sabrina" in the remake of Billy Wilder's 1954 classic, lacks the depth and sensitivity brought to this role by Audrey Hepburn. Still, this film moves us because of the emotional growth shown by Sabrina after facing rejection by the man of her dreams.

In "Sense and Sensibility," Emma Thompson plays the oldest of three sisters, the sensible one

who maintains an appearance of emotional distance in spite of her deep feelings for her family and for the man she loves. At the top of her form, Thompson's intelligence and humor shine throughout this beautiful, yet sometimes plodding, film version of Jane Austen's distinguished novel.

Angela Bassett ignites the screen (and a few other things!) in "Waiting to Exhale." As a woman who fights tenaciously to get what she deserves in a divorce settlement from her selfish, social-climbing husband, Bassett delivers a powerful performance to match her Oscar nominated work in "What's Love Got To Do With It?"

In "Cutthroat Island," Geena Davis is a pirate's daughter who inherits his ship and part of a map showing the location of a buried treasure. Davis (who took six months of fencing lessons to prepare for her role) makes action heroes Schwarzenegger, Willis,

Bordering on criminal

I was shocked to read how much money the city of Santee is paying our city attorney, Gloria McLean. No one in the city of Santee is worth \$207,000 per year. This is an obscene and bordering-on-criminal amount, given: a) what other cities pay for legal service, b) we are laying off city staff right and left, begging the Parks and Recreation Dept. and leaving streets with potholes, c) we used to pay this amount for both Gloria and her late husband Don. Now we just get one for the price of two, and d) we only have her services part-time. She contracts with the City of Lemon Grove for a far lesser amount.

To earn her \$200,000 retainer, Gloria McLean must work 40 hours per week for 50 weeks per

year at \$100/hour.

In addition to the \$200K we pay her for her yearly retainer, we pay an extra \$94,000 for services beyond the retainer. Now to earn that at a \$90/hour rate, Gloria McLean must work full time an additional 25 weeks per year. She is already working 40 hours a week for 50 weeks per year to earn her retainer and yet somehow she must squeeze an additional 25 weeks out of the year and work for the city of Lemon Grove as well. Hmmm ... I see a problem here.

I also don't buy the "It's so expensive to maintain a legal library or to maintain a law office" argument. Mrs. McLean should hire a third-year law student at \$10 per hour to go to USD to copy articles from their up-to-date law library. A quick tour of City Hall will

show she has an office in City Hall. Does she rent it from the city? I don't know, but I doubt it.

Now, I am no fancy lawyer, but the \$300,000 paid to Gloria McLean would be like winning the lottery to me. The \$300,000 paid to Gloria McLean is half of the revenue shortfall projected for the city of Santee this year. It is also half of the amount that would have been raised by that "utility tax" that the city council tried to back door, sneak on us this summer.

It is time for the City Council to stop stonewalling. We taxpayers deserve some answers as to where and how our hard-earned tax dollars are going. Without good answers, our worst fears about how this city is run and about politicians will be proved.

PAUL SMITHSON
Santee

Letter to the Editor

Your right as an American!
Send us a letter or column TODAY!

STEIGER'S FLORIST

Often it is an impersonal and busy world we live in. But, fortunately, there are companies like STEIGER'S FLORIST who provide good, old-fashioned personalized service.

STEIGER'S FLORIST is located at 8057 Broadway in Lemon Grove, phone 464-6004. Lorna and Karen specialize in beautiful and affordable floral arrangements for every occasion. But that's not enough. They also believe personal, friendly service is equally important. In fact, their strength is in the people you meet here who will roll up their sleeves to help you.

And from the bottom of their hearts, Lorna and Karen at STEIGER'S FLORIST express their gratitude to the fine customers that they've had the pleasure to serve and get to know. Come to the place where the people are ready to roll up their sleeves for you.

They wish you all the makings for a successful 1996 and hope that your year will be filled with peace and happiness.

A D A MORTUARY SERVICES INC.

Time and service have honored the name A D A MORTUARY SERVICES INC., located at 3444 Citrus in Lemon Grove, phone 466-6333.

For years this reputable firm has served the people of this area reliably and well. They relieve you of all worry and responsibility and by sympathetic cooperation bring comfort in the hour of distress. They are here for families that need loved ones transported "back home" for funeral services or if you are considering cremation services.

When these services are needed, place this firm in charge. They will relieve you of all the many details that must be taken care of and at the same time do everything according to your desires. Call them when in need of their services.

A D A MORTUARY SERVICES INC. is proud to be a part of the Lemon Grove community.

J. H. SPRATLEY ROOFING CO.

Family Owned & Operated

Occasionally there is a business that provides many services and it becomes difficult to describe each singular service adequately. One such business is J. H. SPRATLEY ROOFING CO., located at 9029 Olive Dr. in Spring Valley, phone 462-1120.

While it is easy to say that J. H. SPRATLEY ROOFING CO. specializes in all types of roofing, fiberglass shingles, tile roofs, gutters, sky lights, and more, the foremost thought is that they have found and filled many needs. When you contact this firm, you can rest assured they'll do everything they can to provide you with the same courteous service they've become famous for. They realize that satisfied customers and a good reputation are two of the best assets any company can have.

And as the New Year gets under way, the owners and staff of J. H. SPRATLEY ROOFING CO. wish you a happy and healthy 1996. When you are in need of any of the services offered by this firm, see J. H. SPRATLEY ROOFING CO.

LEMON GROVE AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE

When it comes to your car, you never know what's going to pop up next. That's why it's always a good idea to go to a repair shop that's always extra prepared. This company is LEMON GROVE AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE located at 8183 Broadway in Lemon Grove, phone 463-4066.

This means LEMON GROVE AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE can be relied on to be sound enough to help you with the toughest automobile repair, strong enough to help in good times. And knowledgeable to help all the time. And off the top of your head, can you think of a better reason to choose a repair shop?

LEMON GROVE AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE specializes in everything from undercarriage to electrical systems, from brakes to tune-ups to engine overhauls and more. And, they are a repair shop you can always count on to be extra prepared to serve you when you need them. LEMON GROVE AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE has one thing else they'd like to say: Thank you and may all the seasons of the New Year be good to you in 1996.

GROVE AUTO BODY

Quality Auto Body Repairs Since 1966

There are a few body shops that are still working harder today than ever before to preserve quality in everything they do. GROVE AUTO BODY is one. They have dedicated their entire philosophy to the preservation of quality.

GROVE AUTO BODY is located at 8373 Broadway in Lemon Grove, phone 460-1365, and they are well-thought of because they are experienced professionals who make every effort to restore your car or truck to pre-accident condition. They strive for excellent color match and color change and pride themselves in quality control. Estimates are free and they do both foreign and domestic cars.

For the very finest in bumper auto body service, make this body shop your first choice because they take pride in their work...and they really do care.

GROVE AUTO BODY is proud to be part of the community and they wish you much, much success in 1996.

AUTOMOTIVE WHOLESALE PARTS

Formerly Casa De Oro Auto Parts

Better prices. Better service. Better believe it.

AUTOMOTIVE WHOLESALE PARTS is a company that doesn't expect to become internationally famous anytime in the near future. But that doesn't mean that they're not very special. This company in Spring Valley has winner written all over it and they will try their very best to make you feel welcome in the months and years to come. Stop by and visit with the folks here to find out how they can help you with automotive needs. They feature foreign and domestic auto parts, equipment, tools, and one of the finest machine shops in the area.

AUTOMOTIVE WHOLESALE PARTS is located at 9744 Campo Rd. in Spring Valley, phone 589-2300. Two things we wish to clarify. 1. They serve people with exceptional service. 2. They serve the entire area, not just their home town.



COMMUNITY HERITAGE of OUTSTANDING BUSINESSES

PREPARED BY UNITED CLEARINGHOUSE

The business men and women who are participating in the Community Heritage Review represent a multitude of different backgrounds and experiences. But they all share one common trait and that is to provide you with the very best in courteous, friendly and enthusiastic service. Please keep this as your future business guide.

BROADWAY ANTIQUE MALL

Looking for the old, the unusual and the unique? Look to BROADWAY ANTIQUE MALL to show you the really unusual values in the oldest and most unique antique merchandise. This well-known dealer features everything in the amazing world of antiques and other valuable and collectable items.

Located at 7945 Broadway in Lemon Grove, phone 461-1399, BROADWAY ANTIQUE MALL not only features choice antiques and collectibles, but also vintage china, furniture, frames, prints, and much, much more. For information or antique appraisals and estate sales, call them today at 461-1399. Their years of experience in antiques is the secret of their success.

Here the BROADWAY ANTIQUE MALL offers a sincere invitation to each and every one because they know their business just wouldn't be the same without YOU. Thanks. Please call or visit them soon.

VONS

The folks at VONS would like to say thanks for coming to them throughout 1996. And they look forward to serving you in the New Year.

For a business to grow successfully, you need a lot of good, loyal customers. Customers that you know. Customers who believe in you and what you're doing.

Visit VONS located at 933 Sweetwater Rd. in Spring Valley, phone 460-6333 for the grocery and 460-6336 for the pharmacy. This is a part of a giant chain so you get competitive prices and great variety, but you can count on friendly local service. You'll find everything you need for good eating at substantial savings.

MAIL BOXES ETC.

It's a crazy world out there. But thank goodness there are still a few things you can still count on. Like sunrise and sunset. And the weatherman being wrong.

The unquestionable good service you get at MAIL BOXES ETC. is another thing that is constant and dependable. MAIL BOXES ETC. is located at 7046 Broadway in Lemon Grove, call 697-9994. They are best known for offering mail box rental with 24-hour access, packing, UPS shipping, tax service, rubber stamps, packing materials and more.

And the individual service and courtesy you get here is one of those things in this crazy world you can always count on. And, MAIL BOXES ETC. has been providing their customers with this kind of exceptional service for a long, long time.

It's a brand new year promising, as usual, renewed hope and new beginnings. These folks wish to join in with the Lemon Grove community in wishing you a great year in 1996.

BROWNE'S MAYTAG HOME APPLIANCE CENTER

And as the New Year gets underway, the owners and staff of BROWNE'S MAYTAG HOME APPLIANCE CENTER wish you a happy and healthy 1996.

The reputation of this company has been achieved through service, satisfaction and quality merchandise. Nowhere will you find a company that tries to please every customer, regardless of their needs, as conscientiously as they do at this reliable business.

They not only carry a full line of Maytag appliances, but they now carry Admiral appliances, too. You can choose from ranges, dishwashers, dryers, washers, and refrigerators. BROWNE'S MAYTAG HOME APPLIANCE CENTER is located at 3282 Main St. in Lemon Grove, phone 469-2144. Here you will find prices are right but quality is important also. You cannot go wrong by seeing this firm, for they stand behind every purchase. They are aware that to "please" a customer is to "keep" a customer. Therefore, they will do everything in their power to please you when you shop here. They are also specialists in the repair of all makes and models.

BROWNE'S MAYTAG hopes you'll feel free to call on them anytime.

DAVE'S FEED STOP

No matter where you are, DAVE'S FEED STOP is never far off. They've been serving the folks from this area for a very long time. And as longstanding neighbors, DAVE'S FEED STOP is there to help you, too. They invite you in to see their newly-expanded store that now carries adult western clothing and antiques.

Contact them soon. They'd love to hear from you. DAVE'S FEED STOP is located at 3655 Costa Bella St. in Lemon Grove, phone 462-3434, and they specialize in quality feeds, vet and pet supplies, and more. They carry such well-known brands as PURINA, SCIENCE DIET, IAMS, NUTRO, and many others. They also offer free delivery on minimum orders.

Find out why so many people keep doing business with them. Why they say their service is superior. And, most importantly, why people say they have a nice way of making you feel welcomed and appreciated whenever you stop in 7 days a week, Monday - Friday, 9 AM to 7 PM; Saturday, 9 AM to 6 PM; and Sunday, 10 AM to 4 PM.

GROVE PLUMBING WORKS

The personal service plumber. That's what they call GROVE PLUMBING WORKS! This is one firm where the personal touch is not forgotten and the customers appreciate it!

Located in Lemon Grove, phone 464-1009, this well-known firm specializes in all phases of plumbing repair and installation. From a simple drain unclogging to a complex installation, new hot water heater to a complete remodeling or addition, leak detection or pipe locating, this is a company which will work WITH you, to insure that the work is done to YOUR satisfaction.

You are going to enjoy the value and flexibility of this firm and they just want you to know that your past and future business is very, very important to them.

It's refreshing to find a company which KNOWS that the customer must come first. GROVE PLUMBING WORKS does!!!

COLLEGE GROVE TRANSMISSIONS & CLUTCHES

Some people long for perfection. Others demand it. It is for these people that we bring to your attention the name COLLEGE GROVE TRANSMISSIONS & CLUTCHES. They are located at 6998 Broadway (Broadway exit off 94) in Lemon Grove, phone 464-6200.

* This company is everything you ever heard it was...and then some. They simply do not understand the meaning of compromise. They are known for offering hometown service with a nationwide warranty with ATRA, "the sign of quality."

If it's been awhile since you had your transmission checked, stop in for a free diagnosis. They specialize in transmission tune-ups and free local towing with major service. Treat yourself to the all-but-forgotten art of personal service and contact COLLEGE GROVE TRANSMISSIONS & CLUTCHES this week. This kind of quality company will be just right for you.

MAINLY BREAKFAST

MAINLY BREAKFAST has always been thought of as a friendly neighborhood business. And that's why they always treat YOU as a good neighbor. That's just one of the reasons MAINLY BREAKFAST has been around for a long, long time.

They are located at 1125 Sweetwater Rd. in Spring Valley, phone 464-9561. You'll enjoy stopping in for breakfast, lunch, a snack or just a cup of coffee, 7 days a week from 7 AM to 1 PM.

It's a brand new year promising, as usual, renewed hope and new beginnings. These folks wish to join in with the Spring Valley community in wishing you a great year in 1996.

The courteous people here really want and appreciate your business. It's all a part of their good neighbor policy to work extra hard to earn your confidence, now and in the future. And it shows whenever you call or visit MAINLY BREAKFAST.

GROVE PASTRY SHOP

Family Owned & Operated

This is one bakery that's got what it takes! For the best in baking goods visit GROVE PASTRY SHOP at 3308 Main in Lemon Grove, phone 466-3277. Here you will find cakes for every occasion, the finest cream pastries, cookies, Danish, and more.

Famous for the quality and flavor of their baked goods, this bakery is a model of cleanliness and efficiency. Their bake shop is immaculate. Only the purest of staple ingredients go into their products and the deliciousness of their baked goods is appreciated by more and more families each year.

No better baked goods can be obtained than those produced by this shop, where prices are so reasonable that you can well afford to let them do most all your family's baking. For that party, wedding, or special occasion, be sure to call GROVE PASTRY SHOP. See this fine bakery for delicious taste tempting baked goods.

THE BABY BARN

From the moment you step into THE BABY BARN, you KNOW that you're dealing with a company that knows how to treat a customer right! The courteous personnel, the fantastic values throughout the store, and a host of other features make this one of Spring Valley's most popular baby resale stores! THE BABY BARN wishes everyone the very best during the New Year and thanks you for your patronage in 1995.

Located at 9676 Campo Rd. #D in Spring Valley, phone 466-4477, this is one store where the customer always comes first! You may choose from one of the area's best assortments of values in slightly-used cribs, playpens, toys, swings, high chairs, and more. At THE BABY BARN they have "everything for baby except the baby."

Shop this well-known store often. You'll save money, and you'll really enjoy the courtesy and consideration that's cheerfully extended to everyone who walks in.

CANINE LODGE & CATTERY

If you have trouble each year deciding what to do with your pet while on vacation because you have been afraid to leave it at a coldly impersonal kennel, then there no longer is a problem.

CANINE LODGE & CATTERY, located at 8336 Broadway in Lemon Grove, phone 463-0719 can be considered an excellent "foster family" for your pet. They feature clean, heated and air conditioned individual spaces where your pet will receive the finest in family care. All the pets entrusted to CANINE LODGE & CATTERY receive 24-hour a day care from the fine staff here. They have been recommended by numerous veterinarians in this area and you can rest assured that your pet will receive the finest care available.

Everyone at CANINE LODGE & CATTERY would like to thank you for your confidence in letting them take care of your pets and look forward to serving you. May all seasons of the New Year be good to you and your pets in 1996.

Wild East County



Two walks on the wild side at Stelzer Park

by Cynthia O'Neill

On 314 acres, two miles up Wildcat Canyon Road in Lakeside, rests a jewel of a park beckoning to nature-lovers and children. Louis A. Stelzer Park, open 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day, is a gift by the man of the same name.

Real estate magnate Stelzer died in 1971, leaving his family retreat to the county along with additional funds to develop the

land as a park with facilities for needy and handicapped children. The park officially opened to the public in 1983.

Two trails at the park offer a diversity in walking terrain. The Riparian Trail of 1.3 miles round trip appeals to the wheelchair-bound as much for its flatness as the shade of giant sycamore trees. Alongside the Wildcat Canyon Creek, the trees bear heavy necklaces of giant poison-oak, their leaves as big as human hands.

But at a safe distance from the trail, the oak is no threat. Plenty of Coast Live Oak trees, a plant indigenous to Southern California, as well as wild grape and blackberry, make their home by the creek. A rufous-sided towhee or two might wing by, their feathers rustling in the breeze. The reward at the end of the trail is a peaceful picnic site among half-moon boulders. Look closely at the smaller rock outcroppings where it is possible to see the

marks made by Kumeyaay Indians grinding and milling corn.

The more demanding Stelzer Ridge Trail, 2.2 miles round trip, is all uphill, a fun walk to take on any sunny day in early morning or late afternoon. The trail starts opposite a huge oak tree inviting climbers of all ages and abilities: its branches seem to reach out for a hug. Rust-colored buckwheat dots the hills behind the tree, and chaparral currant might still have clusters.

As the climb gets steeper, the view of the surrounding mountains becomes more interesting, the traffic of Wildcat Canyon Road becoming ever more distant. After passing through a meadow of wild oats, there is the choice of going left or right. Either way, the ridge can be reached where a SDG&E service road passes through. Keep straight going towards the tow-

ers, look behind you and marvel in the magnificent view of the surrounding communities of Lakeside and Santee. The ocean may twinkle at you from the west if air quality permits. Look up in the sky to see ravens and hawks scout for prey.

Of course, on both trails, it is always wise to be on the lookout for rattlers.

The word of advice still holds: walk with a stick, but don't poke around the rocks. It just invites angry, scared creatures.

For those who prefer just to picnic and play, Stelzer Park has many inviting sites closer to the creek. There, too, you can watch the antics of woodpeckers buzzing giant oak trees. Stay quiet long enough, and a rabbit will come sniffing around. A full-time ranger lives at the park and invites children to come ask questions.

CHUCK MILLER INSURANCE SERVICES

Looking ahead and planning for tomorrow is essential in today's economy. You work hard to provide for your family and their future. As insurance specialists, CHUCK MILLER INSURANCE SERVICES intend to help you keep it that way.

CHUCK MILLER INSURANCE SERVICES is located at 707 Felicita Ave. in Spring Valley, phone 469-4418, and they represent the great names in insurance for your cars, home, life and health.

There's simply no reason to wander around searching for answers to your insurance questions. At CHUCK MILLER INSURANCE SERVICES they have the experience and the companies that have proven themselves over the years with full, fair and friendly insurance service. Let CHUCK MILLER INSURANCE SERVICES help find the way to your insurance security. Phone 469-4418.

Your business is really appreciated here and each one of the staff and management takes pride in giving you what a lot of others don't...a company dedicated to a lifetime of caring.

THRIFTY DRUG STORES

Catering to the family in the old fashioned tradition, THRIFTY DRUG STORES is the modern pharmacy with "old time" service! They're specialists in service and they've been doing it for years.

Located at 3275 Lemon Grove Ave. in Lemon Grove, phone 465-6312 or 465-6694 for the pharmacy, this is one drug store where personal service and individual attention is NOT a thing of the past. A friendly smile, a cheerful greeting and prompt, personal service are what you'll get everytime you walk in. No wonder they're the favorite pharmacy of so many families in the area.

They also have a complete line of beautiful and exciting gifts for all occasions, including cameras and film, toys and models, books, candy, cosmetics, and housewares. Shop where service and the customer are the main products: THRIFTY DRUG STORES.

The management here has always gone out of their way to invite you in because your business means a lot to them, not just this year, but in years to come.

DUGGAN'S BROADWAY AUTO BODY

This company takes this time to recognize just how important your friendship has been over the years and offers you their sincere thanks.

DUGGAN'S BROADWAY AUTO BODY, located at 8303 Broadway in Lemon Grove, phone 465-5655, renders a complete auto body and fender repair service, including auto painting and auto glass installation. You always get the best in quality work for less.

This well-known company is famous for expert work in rebuilding wrecked cars and repairing damaged cars. Whether it is just a scratch, bent fender or a crushed body, they can fix your car up like new in short order.

Their service is known far and wide, not only for their ability to render expert repair work, but also for their fair and honest dealings with their customers. Let them handle your insurance work.

DUGGAN'S also specializes in the best reconditioned cars, call them at 465-5658.

MARTIN ROOFING CO. INC.

When new roofing or re-roofing service is needed, it often becomes more important to know the reputation of the firm with which you do business. MARTIN ROOFING CO. INC., located at 6608 Federal Blvd. in Lemon Grove, phone 287-6860, is a locally-owned and operated firm with which you can do business with complete confidence and assurance of receiving satisfaction.

They know the business perfectly and insist that each job be perfect. They employ only competent, well-trained people who have the desire to please every customer. This firm has been favorably known for 48 years for their prompt service and fair prices. Much of their popularity is due to the fact that they stand behind every job.

This company takes this time to recognize just how important your friendship has been over the years and offers you their sincere thanks. Your business is really appreciated here and each one of the staff and management takes pride in giving you what a lot of others don't...a company dedicated to a lifetime of caring.

MIKE OLIVER PLUMBING

There is, in fact, no two ways about it.

MIKE OLIVER PLUMBING, located at 4034 Camino Paz in Spring Valley, phone 466-3858, knows the plumbing business as well as anyone. They don't just guess at your problems - they know the answers. They are men who understand all phases of this work and they keep up with the latest equipment and maintenance problems. They stand behind their work and will do a job in the shortest time possible. They understand that when you have a plumbing problem, you need someone very promptly and cannot wait to have it taken care of.

Repair jobs are given prompt attention at a fair price. This company in Spring Valley has winner written all over it and they will try their very best to make you feel welcome in the months and years to come.

You will like their employees and find them courteous and efficient. If you want to do business with someone you can trust, be sure to call them first.

ENTERPRISE

This company appreciates all of their customers from this area and they hope you'll remember them in the future.

The next time you are in need of another car, truck or van, whether it be for just a couple of days or weeks, the place that people enjoy doing business is ENTERPRISE RENT-A-CAR, at 6984 Federal Blvd. in Lemon Grove. Phone 460-6646 for information on how they pick you up and take you to their office. They feature cars, trucks, exotic cars, cargo, mini and 15-passenger vans.

You'll find that along with their friendly service and low rates, the unit you rent will be in great condition and sparkling clean. They offer rates by the day, week, or month and honor most major credit cards. Call them for week-end specials.

The next time you need a vehicle, why not let the friendly people at ENTERPRISE RENT-A-CAR save the day.



Take a little time out and enjoy reading about a few of the most successful and interesting Lemon Grove and Spring Valley businesses that serve this entire area.

Not only will you find some of the best prices and personal service, but it's doubtful you'll find more delightful and interesting communities or better business people to work with...anywhere. They are grateful to have you as good friends, good neighbors and good customers.

WILL'S TOWING

Why do auto and truck owners go out of their way to call WILL'S TOWING when they need a tow truck? The reason is simple. Because WILL'S TOWING will go out of their way for YOU wherever you live in this area. They'll come for you anytime, anywhere.

WILL'S TOWING is located in Spring Valley at 9010 Jamacha Rd., phone 668-1160. Keep this number handy in your car or truck so you will be prepared for an emergency. They are fully insured and bonded and are ready to handle any emergency situation from cold weather starts, flats inflated, towing, batteries jumped to equipment towing.

For towing service that is fast, dependable and courteous, call WILL'S TOWING at 668-1160. You are going to enjoy the value and flexibility of this firm. You can depend on this well-run company for their "extra good service" whenever you need towing service.

LETTER KRAFT PRINTING

The folks at LETTER KRAFT PRINTING would like to say thanks for coming to them throughout 1995. And they look forward to serving you in the New Year.

This is one printing firm that has always been meticulous in their high standard of work...taking extra time and effort to do it right the first time. LETTER KRAFT PRINTING is conveniently located at 3135 Lemon Grove Ave. in Lemon Grove, phone 463-6601.

Instant and commercial printing is available for high speed copies and collating. They have a very complete selection of stationery, envelopes, business cards, announcements, brochures, carbonless forms, invoices and much more. For all of your printing needs, no order is too big or too small for LETTER KRAFT PRINTING. And they always have rates you can afford to work with.

All of the staff want you to know that your patronage is never taken for granted and they hope to see you often in 1996. Give them a try the next time you need quality work.

SUPER 8 CASA DE ORO

The entire staff at SUPER 8 CASA DE ORO is happy to join with the rest of the community in extending their appreciation with a heartfelt "thank you." Few businesses are as appreciative of your patronage as this one. Plan on visiting them real soon.

Located at 9603 Campo Rd. in Spring Valley, phone 589-1111 or 1-800-424-2978, the SUPER 8 CASA DE ORO has ample accommodations to please even the most discriminating guest.

As a result of their reputation, this motel has become very well known in this area as the ideal place to spend a second vacation away from the kids and daily routine. When you come to Spring Valley, stay over a night or two and relax. Remember too, that this motel is an ideal place to put up your out-of-town guests. They will appreciate the fact that you made reservations for them here.

Regardless of your length of stay, you are always welcome at this fine motel and you will appreciate the friendly people that run it.

CORKY'S PEST CONTROL & FUMIGATION

Proudly Serving Our Area Since 1968

For positive, safe termite control, call CORKY'S PEST CONTROL & FUMIGATION at 611 Ramona Ave. in Spring Valley, phone 460-8180. They're the EXPERTS in the pest control field!

This reliable company will not only take care of your termite problems but they will help control ALL types of insect and rodent pests including spiders, roaches, silverfish, ticks, rats and mice. They utilize only the latest techniques so that you needn't fear for the safety of your children and pets.

CORKY'S PEST CONTROL & FUMIGATION issues real estate reports for prospective homeowners. Their fast, accurate service has become the standard of the industry.

These folks hope all good things will come to you in the New Year. Contact this well-known firm for complete control of insect and rodent pests!

PACIFIC WELDING SUPPLIES

Leading welding experts throughout the area recognize PACIFIC WELDING SUPPLIES as being THE supply shop for the amateur or professional welder.

Located at 8943 Olive Dr. in Spring Valley, phone 461-2531, this fine store has established an reputation for their quality lines of brand name welding components, industrial gases and handy accessories. Medical oxygen, acetylene, nitrogen, helium, argon, carbon dioxide and other gases for welding and other applications are always on hand, too.

To make your next welding job a little easier, PACIFIC WELDING SUPPLIES stocks a full line of protective clothing, masks, rods, electrodes, safety equipment and everything that the welder needs. Their rental service is very handy for those individuals who need only a certain item for a particular job.

See this prominent firm for ANYTHING that you need when it comes to welding! The staff here consider it an honor to serve you.

RE-NU AUTO BODY

People in the Spring Valley area don't have to look far and wide for a company which is capable of doing the highest quality auto body work and painting. RE-NU AUTO BODY at 9305 Jamacha Blvd. in Spring Valley, phone 479-3296, can refinish and repaint ANY car or truck, foreign or domestic. Their work is well known as being fast, economical AND beautiful!

When you bring your car to this outstanding body and paint shop, you can rest assured that the work will be done to your exact specifications and that the estimate will match the final statement. From a small crease to a roll-over, you can do no better than to trust YOUR car to the experienced pros at RE-NU AUTO BODY!

This company takes this opportunity to thank all their friends and customers. Plan on visiting them soon. Remember that most insurance companies now permit you to choose the body shop YOU like best. Choose this one! They take great pride in ALL of their work.

East County People

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Walt Lester

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He didn't enter into community politics until early 1994, when he showed up one night for a Dictionary Hill Citizens Association meeting. In a matter of months, Spring Valley activist Walt Lester had joined the Spring Valley Planning Group and was elected to chair the group. In early December, he was nominated for an open seat on the Chamber of Commerce board of directors.

Lester, Chamber President Dan Reed and Executive Director Janice Gilmore-See have stood firmly united over the proposed state Route 125 ramps at Troy and Palm streets in Spring Valley. They will be at the forefront evaluating which alignment of SR 125 will be best for Spring Valley. A retired Navy captain, Lester has been a homeowner with his wife Margaret on Dictionary Hill since 1990. They previously lived in Bonita.

Kat Welch

Kathy "Kat" Welch is just 18, but seems to know where she is going and is making plans for her future. People who know her may think her goal is to become a professional opera singer, not only because she has the voice of an angel and both of her parents are professional opera singers, but because until a year ago, this is what she had planned for herself.

Last February, Welch was in an accident that she says changed her life completely. A car ran over her foot breaking all five metatarsals and dislocating three joints that have left her with a slight limp and frequent pain.

"I was in a wheelchair for two months, and for a while, they thought my foot would have to be amputated," said Welch. "The accident was devastating, but it brought me closer to God and a deep belief in my guardian angels."

Welch said that as she was being dragged beneath the car, she felt hands on her ribs lifting her and pulling her out. "It had to be my guardian angels, for there was nobody near me and I was lifted out by strong hands."

Welch, a soprano with a three-octave range, says she still loves to sing classical, opera and her favorite, jazz, but has developed her parents' interest as well in gospel music.

Her parents, Ilona and Jonathon, in addition to touring the world singing opera, have several recordings of gospel

music on the market. Welch and her sister, Rebecca, are planning to record a new album with them this year.

Though the doors to professional singing may still be an option for Welch one day, her goal is to major in psychology with a minor in music therapy.

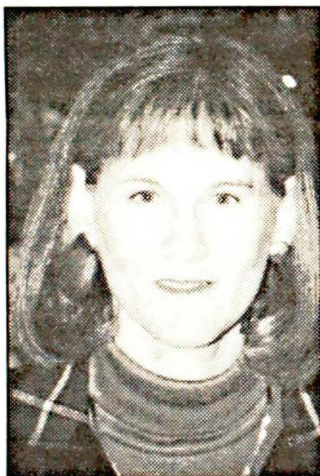
"Since the accident, I believe I have developed a better insight to priorities in life and have learned more compassion than I used to have," Welch said. "I used to want to be the best at everything and now I just want to do my best. I still want to sing all kinds of music but I want to sing songs about love and happiness and sing songs for my creator."

Welch, a senior at West Hills, has performed with the music department's concerts and will perform her last concerts this spring.

Bob Taylor

With El Cajon's image as a cultural backwater, you wouldn't expect to find one of the world's leading guitar manufacturers in its industrial zone, but Taylor Guitar is one of the regions most successful businesses.

In 1995, Taylor Guitar grossed \$12 million, according to co-owner Bob Taylor. The company hired 52 people. In 1996, Taylor said, the company will gross \$20



Karen Shein

million and add up to 50 people to its staff.

Taylor and partner Kurt Listug founded Taylor Guitar in 1974 in Lemon Grove. They moved to Santee before eventually settling in El Cajon.

Karen Shein

Even if the Republicans fail to make gains in the 1996 elections, Karen Shein will have had an impact. The operator of The Shein Company, a graphic design outfit, will have done her part. Shein's political debut occurred during the Prop. 174 campaign in 1993.

In 1994, she obtained the task of designing the campaign brochure for State Superintendent of Education candidate Wilbert Smith, a former Pasadena school board member. In the campaign prior to the general election, Shein's clients included Med Beaugard, who was elected to the La Mesa-Spring Valley district. Shein's political connections have expanded beyond those involved with the education issue.

Her business should expand likewise for the 1996 primary and general elections.

Lex Boswell

The East County Business Council president and former Lakeside Fire District board member is one of the most familiar names in Lakeside. Now

Looking Ahead

1996 to bring rules, refunds and regs

Mt. Helix cross

U.S. District Court Judge Gordon Thompson, Jr. will rule on the legality of the transfer of the Mt. Helix Cross from the County of San Diego to the San Diego Historical Society at a hearing scheduled for Monday.

The transfer was made by the County Board of Supervisors in 1992 in an effort to preserve the historic landmark atop Mt. Helix.

Thompson will rule whether or not the current owners of the Mt. Helix Cross, the San Diego Historical Society, are a necessary party to the action. Following this determination, another hearing date will be set to rule on the legality of the transfer of the Cross to the San Diego Historical Society.

Phone competition

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) has opened competition in the local telephone market — a \$7 billion portion of the industry — on Jan. 1. The CPUC approved 31 companies that will become rivals for more than 15 million customer phone lines.

The rules implement key elements to permit companies with facilities in place, copper wire, fiber optic or cable systems, to offer customers dial tone service. Most companies may require several months to actually sign up and begin delivering service to customers; others may require one to two years.

Most critically, the rules provide for interconnection, or linking, of the numerous networks quickly, assurance that all customers have access to essential services, and that the same level of access to the telecommunications system continue for the state's deaf and disabled residents.

Prompt, trouble-free interconnection is essential to ensure every customer can call every other customer, regardless of which carrier or phone firm pro-

vides the service. The rules set guidelines which the new phone firms as well as existing carriers, must fulfill. Exceptions are permitted when parties agree to terms and are not anticompetitive or against the public interest.

All local exchange companies must provide access to emergency 911, directory databases, and must report traffic volumes to other local phone companies with which they interconnect and to the CPUC's Advisory and Compliance Division.

The Commission prohibits the practice of slamming, switching a customer's local or long distance carrier without permission, as well as the practice of redlining, designating areas of a service territory as low priority for service and repair.

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Tax laws

Lawmakers were active during 1995 enacting a number of changes to the tax laws.

Highlights of those legislative changes include:

- As of Jan. 1, SB 602 changed the method of allocating local use tax on motor vehicle leases.

- As of Jan. 1, 1996, AB 1374, required all state agencies, with limited exceptions, on or before Jan. 1, 1997, to accept payments by a credit card or a payment device. On or before June 30, 1996, a state agency may require an exemption from the Department of General Services if it is determined that acceptance of

Fire Board in 1994, elected office is just one form of public service. His involvement in many Lakeside service groups makes him known outside local government circles.

His leadership on the East County Business Council will make him a force in Lakeside as business picks up in the community.

such payments would not be cost effective or result in revenue shortfalls.

Natural gas refunds

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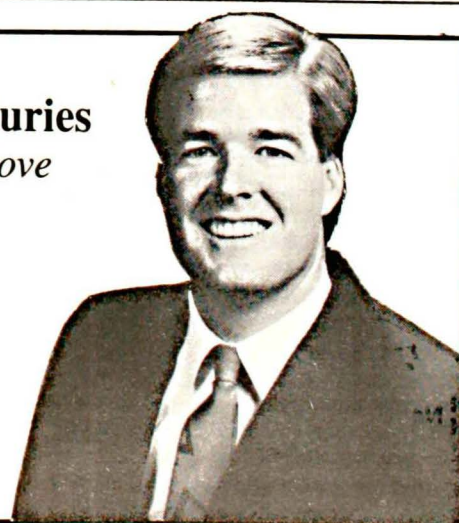
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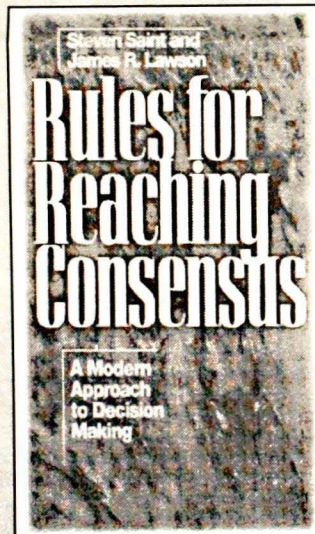
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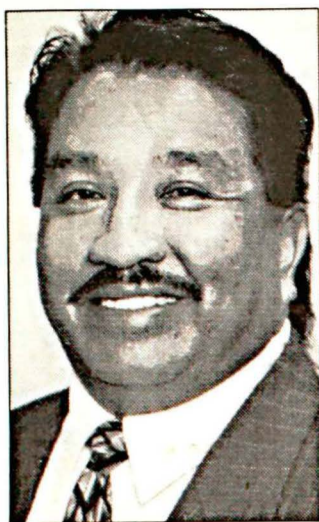
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Clifford LaChappa

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The chairman of the Barona Tribal Council affects far more people than those under the council's jurisdiction. Clifford LaChappa has transformed Barona from a gaming center to a major member of the San Diego community.

Barona's 1995 achievements included sponsorship of the San Diego Symphony's SummerPops series. As revenues grow from the casino, expect the tribe to make an even greater presence in the community. Barona's 1995 achievements also include construction of a school and fluoridation of the water from the reservation's wells. LaChappa was also active in lobbying to preserve the rights of Indian tribes to operate video gaming machines.

Eventual plans for the Barona casino include an entertainment facility, which could bring locally and even nationally prominent acts to Lakeside — not to mention even more jobs to Lakeside.

Rita Lee

Rita Lee ran unsuccessfully for Santee City Council in 1994, but has decided she can do as much for the community by her involvement with the Santee Lions Club, where she is currently serving as president.

In addition to their dedicated work for the hearing and sight impaired, the Lions have adopted the city's annual Easter egg hunt and the summer music concert series held at Rio Seco School. The organization will donate funds raised to the Santee Parks and Recreation for these events. Lee said another new project this year was the purchasing and wrapping of 20 dozen sock shoes presented to residents of Edgemoor Nursing Home. The Lions plan to present radios as gifts next year.

"We want to expand on all of these new projects and make them even better," said Lee. Lee said she is still active with the council meetings and members and feel they do a great deal of good work but has decided her time and energy is best spent with the Lions Club.

"All of the work we do is for the good of others and as a member and current President, all of my efforts are for Santee."

Barbara Carr

She volunteers her time as a rolling reader to the children of Rolando Elementary one day a week, and tries to make those Kiwanis meetings as expected. She was elected to the La Mesa-Spring Valley School Board of Directors last year, and is presently a member of the Spring Valley Parks and Recreation CSA Advisory Panel.

When she is not busy volunteering her time as an activist, you'll find Spring Valley resident, Barbara Carr, attending San Marcos State University for a masters degree. If the latter isn't enough to keep her plate full, Carr has recently been named to chair the Spring Valley Sheriff's Advisory Panel.

Her conviction of creating the best opportunities for the youth of Spring Valley started back in her volunteer days at Bancroft Elementary School. As a parent of



Barbara Carr

two boys, Carr volunteered time to assist instructors and later graduated to the position of community resource aide for the school for two years.

This catapulted Carr into becoming a member of the school district advisory council as well as participating on the Legislative Action Committee.

Carr looks forward to working with the Lemon Grove Sheriff's Department Panel members this year.

"It will be interesting to see how the Sheriff's station works and how we can be a part of that process to better our community with the additional effort," said Carr.

She also will remain a key player in establishing the new teen center along with other community activists. Carr and others are reviewing options for sites, as well as programs and activities.

"We'll soon be advertising for a coordinator for the center once we get the word from the SDSU Foundation," said Carr.

In early January, Carr and others from the parks and recreation panel will be meeting with students of La Presa who are involved in the student group, Natural Helpers. The group features a number of students who are educated in conflict management techniques. Carr and others on the Youth Coalition Advisory Panel will be talking to the students to see if some would be willing to volunteer time as mentors for younger students. She exudes the excitement as much as the kids to see Sweetwater Lane Park near its completion in the fall.

Ex-Highlander debuts at the Murph

by Joe Naiman

With 5:50 left in Kansas State's 54-21 Holiday Bowl victory over Colorado State, reserve center Toosavili Ulutu entered the game for Kansas State.

It was the first time Ulutu, who attended Helix High School and Grossmont Community College, had played in San Diego Jack Murphy Stadium.

"It was great," he said of the experience. "It was a dream coming back here and playing at Jack Murphy."

Ulutu's duties at center for the Wildcats' final 12 offensive plays included snapping the ball and blocking defenders. Because the Wildcats were concerned with running out the clock rather than adding to the score, the offensive gains only totalled 34 yards and the blocking was aimed at preventing losses rather than maximizing yardage gain.

The largest gain of those 12 plays was a 15-yard run for a first down that allowed the Wildcats to down the ball on their final three plays.

"I did okay. I did well," responded Ulutu when asked to assess his performance.

Ulutu played for Helix High School during the 1990 and 1991 seasons. His post-season experience with the Highlanders included reaching the CIF semifinals but not the finals played at San Diego Jack Murphy Stadium. Ulutu received first team all-conference honors while at Helix.

In high school the 6'1" Ulutu, who now weighs 290 pounds, picked up the nickname "Tiny." His coaches had trouble pronouncing Toosavili, and when the movie "Robin Hood" was released, the comparison to Little John encouraged the nickname.

Ulutu then attended and played for Grossmont Community College.

He had been a nose guard and defensive end in high school, but broke his ankle his first year at Grossmont and switched to center after recovering from the injury. "We just had a lot of talented players. We did okay," Ulutu said of his Grossmont days.

High school and junior college football coaches, including the Grossmont coach, send game films to various universities in the hopes that scholarships will be offered to top players. Kansas State sought out Ulutu, and Ulutu was quite receptive about going to Manhattan.

"I just wanted to get away," said Ulutu of leaving San Diego.

It didn't take long for Ulutu, who was born in Pago Pago and lived there before his family moved to the San Diego area, to adapt to a small-town atmosphere. "Basically it's more slow," he noted. "Things had been going pretty fast for me and I needed to calm my pace down, so I needed to go somewhere slow."

Kansas State fit that qualification and had other positive factors. "It was an upcoming program and Coach Snyder was a great coach to play for," said Ulutu.

Ulutu notes that Kansas has

less of a crime problem than San Diego, but he was not prepared for the Kansas weather. "The only bad thing about Kansas is the weather. Academically and everything else, it's the same."

Ulutu redshirted at Kansas State in 1994. His low profile led to a couple of errors in this year's Kansas State media guide, which states that Ulutu's "family moved to the United States in 1989" (Ulutu was born in American Samoa, which is part of the United States), and erroneously spelled the name of his high school coach as "Jim Arnize."

As a redshirt, he did not play in the Wildcats' 1994 Aloha Bowl appearance, and since neither Helix nor Grossmont reached the post-season finals when Ulutu played, the 1995 Holiday Bowl was the first of this extent for Ulutu.

The Wildcats lost the 1994

Aloha Bowl to Boston College, 12-7, and Ulutu feels that the experience helped Kansas State in its 1995 bowl game. "It was different for us this year. We were more focused and our coaches kept us on our toes."

It was also different for Ulutu, who had about 40 family members and friends in the stands. "It was great just to go home."

Ulutu knew he was returning to San Diego, but did not know whether he would be playing in the game. "It was all up to our coaches and staff," he said.

Ulutu, who is a junior this year, is a criminal justice major.

He hopes to return to San Diego after graduating.

Ulutu seems to have adjusted to his collegiate experience. "I know it wouldn't be possible if it wasn't for my family and friends helping me out," he said.

Wedding Bells



On Christian Eve, Peter C. Kaufman, former Forum Publications publisher, exchanged wedding vows with Mary Huntley at the Coronado home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. Hayden Huntley. Dianne Jacob, Second District county supervisor, officiated the ceremony. Philip H. Mahoney of Santa Barbara and Mary P. Mahoney of Coronado, children of the bride, witnessed the ceremony. Pete and Mary have known each other since fourth grade when they both lived in Wilmette, Illinois. The couple will live in Coronado.

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